

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed on September 1, 2006, a new set of Drawings is submitted. Claims 2 is canceled, claims 5, 7, 8, 12, and 14-15 are amended. The applicant hereby respectfully requests that the patent application be reconsidered.

An item-by-item response to Examiner's objections or rejections is provided in the followings:

Drawings

The Examiner objects to the Drawings because the gray areas of the graphs are difficult to read.

A new set of drawings is enclosed and submitted in this Amendment Transmittal.

Claim Rejection-35 USC 112

The Examiner rejects claims 5, 7 and 14 under 35 USC 112 first paragraph because the Specification does not reasonably enable for all diameters greater than 35 micrometers.

In response to the rejections, claims 5, 7, and 14 are amended and the limitation of greater than 35 micrometers in these claims is removed.

Claim Rejection-35 USC 102 and 103

The Examiner rejects claims 8, 9 and 10 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Epworth (US 5,608,571) and being obvious over Epworth in view of Mizrahi (US 5,673,129).

In response to the rejections, claims 11 is canceled and claims 5, 7, 8, 12, and 14-15 are amended. The amended claim 8 is now directed to an invention equivalent to an allowable claim 11. Therefore, the dependent

claims that depend on the amended claim 8 would be allowable.

The Applicant hereby declares that the cancellation of claim 11 and the amendment to claim 8 and the claims that depend on the amended claim 8 are not an admission to the anticipation of or the obviousness of the original claims 8-10. The cancellation and amendment is only for a single purpose to get the allowable claims issued into a patent first and then continue to prosecute the rejected original claims later in the Continuation Applications later.

Allowable Subject Matter

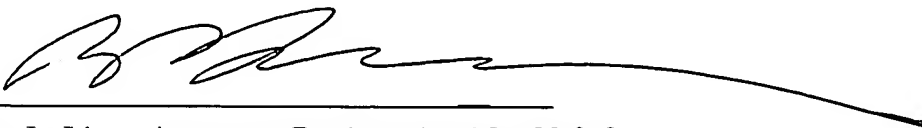
The Examiner instructs that Claims 1-4 and 6 are allowable and claims 7, 11-13 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection and further rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and the intervening claims.

In response to Examiner's instructions, claim 11 is canceled and claim 8 is amended as an independent claim that includes the limitations of claim 11. Furthermore, claims 5, 7, 8, 12, and 14-15 are amended to overcome the objections and rejections. These amended including the original claims that depending on the amended claim 1 would be allowable.

With the new Drawings and the canceled and amended claims, and further with the reasons provided above, the Applicants respectfully request that the objections be withdrawn and the Patent Application as amended now be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jian Liu

By



Bo-In Lin -- Attorney, Registration No. 33,948
13445 Mandoli Drive, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022
(650) 949-0418 (Tel), (650) 949-4118 (Fax)